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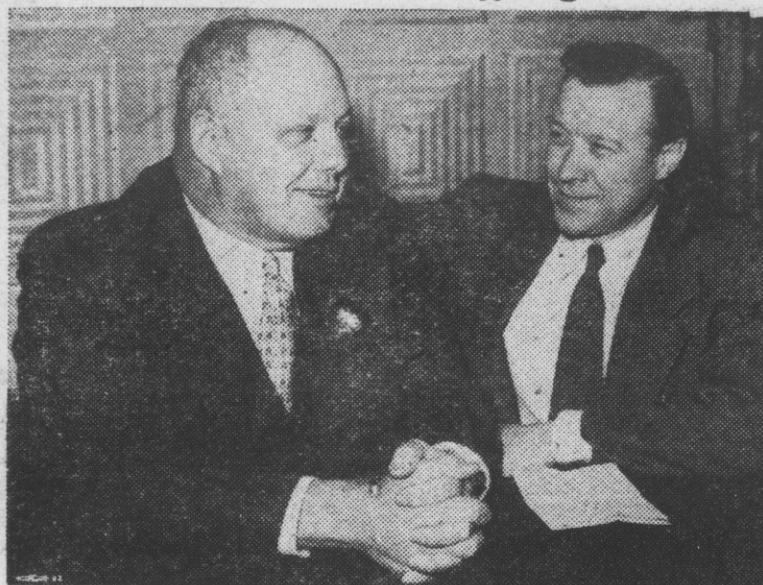
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Unity in the Offing?



AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter P. Reuther show their pleasure at progress of the first unity meeting since 1950. The conferees named a 6-man subcommittee, headed by the AFL and CIO presidents, to make preliminary studies of the main problems involved.

Overflow Crowd At Easter Party

Monterey Laborers Union 690 "experimented" with an Easter party for members last week and the affair turned out so successfully that it may become an annual

institution for this union, reports Secy. George Jenkins.

There was an overflow crowd on hand to enjoy the motion picture cartoons and comedies and the puppet show which were arranged as special entertainment. Easter baskets were distributed to youngsters as they left, after candy and ice cream had been passed out during the show.

The union had prepared for the occasion, however, and had sufficient baskets and Easter goodies for all. The very small amount left over was sent to a nearby church.

Jenkins thanked all members of the union's executive board for their work in helping arrange for the party. The board members helped dye eggs and otherwise assisted in the event.

In Union Circles

Neva Gragory, office secretary for many years for Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey until her retirement months ago, writes that she is planning a prolonged trip to the East. Details not given.

No sir, not even for a whole lot of money! We just simply REFUSE to tell the whole story of the union office girl who kicks off her shoes and does her work in stocking feet!

Fish Cannery Union reports "no fish" on Monterey's Cannery Row. Stormy weather last week kept boats close to shore. Shipment of tuna by truck from other ports did not arrive.

MONT. LABORERS PRESS WELFARE PLAN REGISTER

Full support of contractors is being gained by Laborers Union 690 of Monterey in the registration for payment of the new welfare plan for laborers, according to Business Manager George Jenkins of Local 690.

Employers are being supplied with remittance forms and will send payments direct to the Laborers Welfare Trust Fund, Mel Lowe, administrator, 1473 Post St., San Francisco 9.

Jenkins' assistant, Leslie Estes, has been devoting much of his time to signing welfare plan agreements with independent contractors of the area, those not covered by the AGC master agreement.

Meanwhile, work for union laborers is continuing fair with good prospects for the future, Jenkins added. A big dirt moving project at Fort Ord, for a rifle range, is to start soon under Contractors Keeble and Hampshire. Construction of new hangars at the Monterey airport also is slated shortly.

Former Officer Of Laborers 272 Dies Suddenly

M. O. Taylor, popular member of Salinas Laborers Union 272 and former executive board member, died suddenly last week. Union officials said he was stricken while returning home from work and died at a hospital.

Bro. Taylor had come here from Oklahoma. He was 54 years of age and had worked for several local contractors, most recent being Hicks Construction Co.

Survivors include his wife, and six children.

Funeral services were held on Saturday with union officers and co-workers as pallbearers. The list included Russell Hendrix, V. J. Sanchez, Harold Sheehy, Bill Empie, Bill Gamboa and Dewey Helm.

To be democratic, a union needs an active, interested membership.

CARPENTERS: PLEASE NOTE

There have been some instances where union carpenters have applied for benefits under the new health and welfare plan, only to find that they are not eligible—because they had forgotten to pay their dues.

You have to pay your car payments or they come after the car—and the same goes for insurance. You must be a member of the union in good standing to collect from the welfare plan.

This means that if your union dues are not paid for the current quarter when accident or illness strikes at you or at your family, you cannot get any benefits. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule—if you are in arrears in your dues it is 90 days after you have paid up before you can collect any benefits.

Now that carpenters have a good welfare plan, one which covers wives and dependents also, it is doubly important that dues are kept paid in full—and it is important to the wives to check with their husbands from time to time to see that dues are paid.

In any case where there is a change in family or dependent status, the union member should inform the union at once so that insurance can be changed.

HARVEY BALDWIN,
Bus. Agent L. U. 925.

Eide Gets Results In Welfare Signup

Carpenters of Monterey Local 1323 are signed up about 90 per cent to participate in the union's new health and welfare plan, it was reported this week.

Business Agent Thomas Eide of this union has been busy contacting members and making sure that they list beneficiaries and dependents on the insurance forms at the union office, so that they might be eligible for the benefits in case of illness or accident.

Any member of the Monterey carpenter union who may not have signed proper papers for the insurance should do so at once at the union office, Eide added.

Opera for Unionists

New York (LPA)—Music lovers among members of the big Hotel and Club Employees Local 6 got a 20 per cent discount on tickets during the month-long season of the New York City Opera. Local officials swung the deal, even with the regular prices already low for first-class opera.

Rodeo Parade Assured; Labor May Have Float

After an absence of four years, the famous Colmo del Rodeo parade on Saturday night of the California Rodeo celebration at Salinas will be resumed this year with its gay mardi gras atmosphere adding to the Rodeo festivities July 16 to 19.

Organized labor joined with merchants and others to help raise necessary funds for production and prize awards in connection with the parade. More than \$7,000 was raised, according to report by R. A. Wood, president of the Central Labor Council in Salinas.

The council and many unions have gone on record as favoring the night parades, which formerly drew thousands of spectators to the area. Street dancing and colorful costumes were features of the celebration.

Prospects that the Labor Council will enter a float in the parade, as was customary in pre-war years, were seen with the announcement that the council has instructed a special committee to study the matter and report at a coming meeting. John F. Mattos of Laborers Union 272 heads this committee.

Actual staging of the parade, with its spectacular floats, impressive marching units, tuneful drum and bugle corps, high-stepping drum majorettes, and comic entries, will be under the direction of the Salinas Junior Chamber of Commerce, of which William Porter is president.

"Our organization," Porter said, "will attempt to produce a parade consistent with the quality of past and present Rodeo events. We will

Salinas Council By-Laws Changes Up for Adoption at Friday Meet

A special committee will present proposals for changes in the constitution and by-laws of the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas at Friday night's meeting and adoption is scheduled after a full discussion, according to Council Secretary A. J. Clark.

The committee, including Clark, Council President R. A. Wood, Harvey Baldwin, Al Finley and Robert Shinn, met last week to go over the existing code and make almost a complete revision of the by-laws. Action on the by-laws will be special business for the session.

At the council's last meeting, on Good Friday, business included the following actions, Secretary Clark reported:

Vote of support to Dr. Edward Hirshberg, candidate for school trustee in coming elections. Dr. Hirshberg addressed the council, explained his union background and expressing his stand against closed meeting of trustees, continued turnover of teaching positions and low pay scheduled.

Vote to consider a float in the Colmo del Rodeo parade on July 18 in connection with the California Rodeo, and appointment of Johnny Mattos, of Laborers 272, as chairman of a committee to study the matter.

Donation of \$10 to the Salinas Police Benefit Assn., which is staging a benefit show on June 5 and 6.

Report by Harold Miller, of Retail Clerks Union 839 of difficulty in getting a negotiations meeting with Thrifty Drug Store and of organization efforts elsewhere.

Teachers 1020 announced endorsement of Dr. Hirshberg for school trustee.

Operating Engineers 39 announced that Business Agent R. A. Christiansen is improving after a heart attack recently.

New delegate accepted by the council is Richard P. Lynch, of Clerks Union 839.

Secretary Clark reported that it has been reported to him that two school teachers have been discharged and two others demoted, and the council is investigating to determine if there is any anti-union action involved.

Illness of Randolph Fenchel, former delegate from Laborers Union 272, was reported and the council ordered a gift sent to him at the hospital in San Francisco.

Learn 2 Languages

New York (LPA)—The big Hotel and Club Employees Local 6, which long has offered classes in English to its Spanish-speaking members, is pulling a switch. Rest of the membership now has the opportunity to learn Spanish.

Fenchel Still In Hospital, Sends Thanks

Randolph Fenchel, former president of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas and head of the Salinas Labor Temple Assn., was still in the Stanford Lane Hospital in San Francisco this week following a serious major operation performed three weeks ago.

Fenchel suffered a slight relapse and was returned to bed last week. His condition was not serious, however, and he expected to be allowed to return to Salinas in a week or ten days.

Many friends have traveled to the hospital to visit the labor official during his illness and countless others have sent letters, cards, or gifts and magazines and flowers.

When visited on Sunday he requested this writer to "please thank personally for me all my friends for their nice cards, letters and get-well wishes."

Fenchel said he "couldn't possibly answer all the cards and messages received," and added:

"This little setback which put me back in bed isn't serious—tell my friends in Salinas that I'll be home in ten days or two weeks."

Don't Lose Your Insurance; Keep All Dues Paid Up

Laborers in the Salinas area were admonished last week by Wray D. ("Bill") Empie, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, to keep their dues paid up at all times so that they would not lose out on their new insurance and health and welfare benefits.

"Always pay your dues on or before the first of the month they are due," Empie urged. "If you get behind in dues, your insurance and welfare plans are no good."

Empie said work for union laborers in the Salinas union's jurisdiction is without change over last week.

John Corey, San Jose plastering contractor, is ready to start work on the low-cost housing projects at Soledad and Gonzales.

Granite Construction Co. is setting up bunkers for the new highway surface project near San Lucas.

Work of enlarging the lettuce pre-cooling plant in Gonzales is starting under Contractor Olin Brown, of Sacramento, and the Salinas plant is to be increased in size also at a near future date.

CONTESTS FEATURE MONTEREY ELECTION

Mayor Dan Searle of Monterey is unopposed for re-election in the May 11 municipal balloting but three opponents have been named against Councilman Anthony Alves and Carmel Martin, Jr., attorney.

The council candidates are H. R. Lewis, planning commissioner; R. O. Summers, plumbing contractor, and Shedo ("Buck") Russo.



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BARBERS 627—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Jim Foster, 365 Main St., phone 6746; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

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DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merlin Davis, 517 Roosevelt St.; Fin. Sec., Claudia Staten; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgt., Didi H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

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FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Isel; office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Chas. Snyder. Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Castroville 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst., Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight, office, Room 18, Glikberg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soleilad Foresters Hall. Pres., Carl G. Jones, Sec., J. F. Mattox, 102 Tora, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empie, Labor Temple, 1177 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krome, Rt. 6, Box 513, Watsonville, phone 4-6262; Sec. & B. A. Ronold Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas, phone 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 256—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Hazel Stewes, 1314 Second Ave.; Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59 1st Ave.; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

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RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4938.

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SAFETY WORKERS 304—Meets 1st

Monday, Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Edward C. Bey, 205 Dodoro, phone 2-4428; Sec. Treas., Robert P. Meders, 217 Maryal Dr., Salinas, phone 2-1102.

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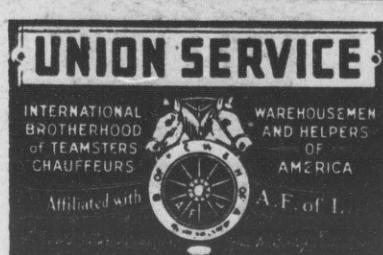
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SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo



Local 890

General Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers' Union

274 E. Alisal Street, Salinas

Your secretary attended a policy committee meeting in San Francisco last week and we are happy to report that Bro. George Mock, who many of you know, has been appointed the International Representative heading the organization activities on the Western Conference. Brother Joe Dillon of Local 12 was appointed director of the Western Warehouse and Produce Council. We are proud to have these two men heading these activities as they are very familiar with the produce areas.

We have also been successful in setting up a fluid milk council which will be known as Teamsters Dairy Council of Northern California. We hope that through this council we will be successful in the coming year in negotiating an agreement covering all of Northern California Fluid Milk industry.

MEETINGS

We have received an offer from the fluid milk industry, which your committee consisting of Bernard Sepulvedo, Alvin Rogers, Ed Petersen and your Secretary Bud Kenyon will recommend for acceptance. The members in this industry are asked to attend a special meeting at the Carpenters Hall, 422 No. Main Street, Salinas, on Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m.

The meeting which was to be held in Los Angeles for further negotiations in the produce industry has been cancelled.

Business Agents Ray Burditt and Irvin Duncan, along with the secretary attended a cannery conference meeting held in Oakland Saturday and Sunday of this last week.

MONTEREY MEMBERS

Members in the Monterey area will be pleased to know that Roselyn Wells will be back in that office. The office hours in the future will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Business Agent Wilkerson will spend two days each week in that area. However, if an emergency arises, contact the office and a Business Agent will be sent over at once.

Secretary Kenyon is all smiles this week. His son Reggy returned

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IBEW Dominant Union in the Telephone Industry

Washington.—D. W. Tracy, president of the Int'l. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, declared here that National Labor Relations Board elections of the past year had established the union as the dominant labor organization in the telephone manufacturing industry.

The IBEW-AFL regained bargaining rights from the CIO Communications Workers of America for the 4,500 employees of the Western Electric Co. at Indianapolis recently.

SWAMPED CIO

In 1952 the IBEW swamped the CIO union at the big Kearny, N.J., plant of Western Electric and also holds bargaining rights for Western Electric employees at Allentown and Reading, Pa. Some independent unions and CWA represent employees at other plants of the company, which is engaged in manufacturing of telephones and other equipment for the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Bell Systems.

IBEW-AFL, which was the first union to organize telephone workers in the U.S. and holds the charter for this purpose from the American Federation of Labor, is now engaged in an organizing campaign among Western Electric employees at Duluth, Minn., and is also preparing to petition soon for a National Labor Relations Board election among the state area traffic employees of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. IBEW-AFL now represents the 11,000 plant department employees of Illinois Bell.

In addition to the Western Electric victories, IBEW-AFL won or held bargaining rights for employees of independent telephone workers of companies not affiliated with the Bell System located at Middletown, N.Y.; Elkhart, Ind.; and LaCrosse, Wis., defeating CWA-CIO in two or the three contests.

BALOTTING HEAVY

In the year since IBEW-AFL announced a renewed organizing drive among telephone workers, the AFL union has won or held bargaining rights for more than 19,250 employees in the industry.

Out of the 4,500 workers eligible to vote at Indianapolis on March 24, 4,004 cast ballots. The result was IBEW-AFL 2,228; CWA-CIO 1,591.

In commenting on the result, Tracy said: "The Western Electric workers at Indianapolis have rendered a verdict against the failures and ineffective representation of the CWA-CIO which will be felt throughout the country.

"In 1951, these workers were deprived of IBEW representation by a narrow margin after an unscrupulous campaign by the CWA. For two years they have seen their wages and working standards deteriorate while at the same time being called upon for higher dues and strike assessments.

"At the very earliest opportunity under NLRB procedures, these American workers regained IBEW representation. They have spoken so clearly and decisively that all of the thousands of workers in the entire telephone industry understand the meaning of the vote.

"The meaning is that Western Electric and telephone workers are best represented by the Int'l. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers affiliated with the American Federation of Labor."

Picket-Line Freedom

Rochester, N.Y. (LPA) — The Newspaper Guild here has won a contract with the Times-Union and Democrat and Chronicle which provides that editorial workers are not required to cross a picket line set up by other unions at the plant.

Tune in on Frank Edwards—at home or at union meeting.

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 1020
MONTEREY COUNTY

Parents! Look To Your Children!

Reports from Washington indicate significant and dangerous trends which threaten to lessen the protection our children now have against industrial exploitation.

A move to lower child labor standards in the Fair Labor Standards Act is taking form. Two bills on this subject which have been introduced are as follows:

HR 237 (Cooper, Tenn.)—To exempt home workers in rural areas from minimum wage and maximum hours provisions in the Fair Labor Standards Act.

HR 437 (Rogers, Tex.)—To exempt children from the section of the Fair Labor Standards Act which now prohibits child labor in agriculture.

In this connection, the annual report of the National Child Labor Commission reveals some most disturbing facts: (1) one-third of the working minors were employed in

violation of federal regulations concerning minimum age, hours and time of work, and hazardous occupations; (2) 13 per cent are working 40 or more hours a week.

Fifteen per cent of the 14- and 15-year-olds in school are working, and 13 per cent of 16- and 17-year-olds are employed; 70 per cent of these youngsters in school work 21 hours or less a week.

There are too many people both within school business and outside of it who are spreading the invidious philosophy that many children do not deserve an education. This philosophy and such bills as the above are opening wedges in establishing education for the privileged.

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Attend your meetings!

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**"Right to Work"**

Reactionary Big Business again is trying to sell out the public and working men and women with deceptive huckster trickery.

As young Sen. Bob La Follette pointed out years ago, unscrupulous Big Business joined forces before NIRA and the Wagner Act in such organizations as the National Metal Trades Association, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, and the NAM, posing as friends of the working men and women, while using labor spies, strikebreakers, and even strike fomenters to break up organizations set up to protect the rights of workers.

Now, emboldened by success in electing reactionary legislators in many parts of the country, they are beating the drums again. To the phony term, "open shop," they've added "the right to work."

This is another one of those huckster phrases that the enemies of labor unfurl as a banner of virtue. Every man has a right to work, they cry.

There is only one place where there is an absolute right to work. That's in a dictatorship. Russia will guarantee a man a job, just as Hitler Germany did.

In a dictatorship, you have a right to work but without union security, without a union that can fight to see that you get adequate wages and safe working conditions, without a union that can save you from slave labor.

The phrase, "right to work," as the dictatorships and the reactionaries know, is a snare to break down union security.

Reactionary Big Business thinks the opportunity has come again—as before the Wagner Act—to try to break up unions.

As these antunion employers try to wheedle Congressmen and many state legislators, let it be clearly understood that the so-called "right to work" laws are nothing more than the compulsory open shop dressed up in a new deceptive disguise.

Danger in Compulsion

Throughout his career, Samuel Gompers espoused voluntarism and opposed compulsion. It is difficult to see how this basic and historic doctrine can be disregarded today.

In alerting state federations and central labor unions against legislative proposals to impose compulsory arbitration upon labor and management, AFL President George Meany has again pointed out its obvious dangers.

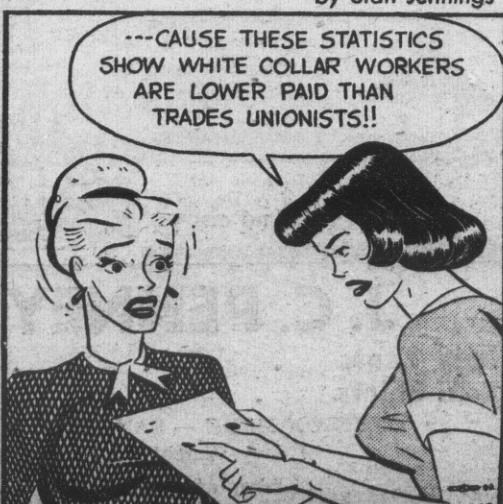
In the final analysis, compulsion will not work in a free country. If Congress were to pass a law requiring labor and management to submit to compulsory arbitration in "national emergency" disputes, how could such a law be enforced? Is the government going to throw into jail workers or employers who refuse to continue functioning under conditions intolerable to them? Is our free economy going to be invaded by government wage-fixing and price-fixing?

Admittedly, there is no easy solution to the problem of disputes which endanger the national health and safety. The most practical so far advanced is voluntary arbitration. It has been tried and found successful in transportation, public utilities and many other industries affecting the public safety and necessity.

Congress Today: Not a solitary move benefitting the people. Thousands of cunning, silent, camouflaged moves making the rich even richer and more powerful.

"UNION MAID"

—A Serial Story

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Wages can only be credited to your social security account through number. Since wages earned are the basis of a person's social security insurance benefit, it is most important to treat your social security card and the number on it with a lot of respect. It may mean thousands of dollars to you and your family.

A change in name should be reported immediately to the employer and to the Social Security Administration so that a new card with the old number may be issued. Remember, you may have a hundred jobs, but you should only use the social security number originally assigned to you.

That card will be needed when you go on a job, when you retire, or in the event of your death. Use It—Don't Lose It!

If you need help on any matter pertaining to your social security card, go to your social security office.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone Cypress 2-2480.

\$800,000 Committed To Truman Library

Kansas City (LPA)—The Truman Memorial Library fund, to which labor organizations are contributing, has received commitments of \$800,000—with half of that in cash—and ground should be broken for the library building before July 1. Basil O'Connor, the chairman of the library executive committee, in making that announcement said the \$400,000 on deposit in banks includes \$150,000 from the CIO and \$100,000 from the Steelworkers.

Goal of the nationwide fund drive, O'Connor said, is between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. The library will be constructed on the Truman family farm at Grandview, Mo., 10 miles south of here.

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JOKES, Etc.

A small boy returned from a birthday party.

"Did you have a good time?" asked his mother.

"Never had such a punk time," he replied. "Some dame was trying all the time to keep order."

Mr. Newlywed: "Is the steak ready, dear?"

Mrs. Newlywed: "Not quite. I'm sorry that I have taken so long to cook it, but it looked hopeless grilled and was not much better fried, and now, if you'll be patient just a little longer, I'll see what boiling does for it."

"Marriage," defines our Labor Temple wit, "is a union between two people in which the man pays the dues."

CLASSROOM BONERS

Acrimony, sometimes called holy, is another name for marriage.

Filet Mignon is an opera by Puccini.

A hamlet is a little pig.

Hygiene is keeping clean when it is not essential.

Teetotalers are boys who carry golf clubs. They are generally paid, except in Scotland.

Sinister means a woman who hasn't married.

"Look at me, I am a self-made man!"

"That's the trouble with this cheap labor."

"Just why do you want a married man to work for you, rather than a bachelor?" asked the curious friend.

"Well," sighed the employer, "the married men don't get so upset if I yell at them."

The pretty maid who had been hoarding her earnings approached her mistress before getting married, with the request that she keep her money for her.

"But won't you be needing it, Mary?" the maid was asked.

"Maybe, ma'am. But you don't

think I'm going to keep all that money in the house with a strange man prowling about, do you?"

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Quizzing a group of rookies, the sergeant asked, "Johnson, when you clean a rifle, what's the first thing you do?"

"Look at the number," the private answered promptly.

"Now what on earth has that got to do with anything?" the sergeant demanded.

"Just want to make sure," explained Johnson, "that I'm cleaning my own gun."

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A Dixie GI was playing cards with some English soldiers for the first time. Taking a quick look at what he had been dealt, the boy from the South saw four lovely aces.

"One pound," was the bet ventured by the Englishman on his right.

"Ah don't know how yo'all count yo' money," said the GI, "but ah'll raise yo' a ton."

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"I'll meet you halfway," declared the wife during an argument. "I'll admit I'm right if you admit you're wrong."

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Hobo (to housewife): "It isn't that I'm avoiding work, ma'am. There just isn't much doing in my particular line. I'm a window box weeder."

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University dean: "Why do you want to be a pharmacist?"

Student: "Well, my dad is one. He works seven days a week and it's our family ambition to give him a day off."

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Wife: "You don't love me any more. When you see me crying you don't ask me why?"

Hubby: "Well, those questions already have cost me a lot more than I can afford."

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Money is a bottomless sea, in which honor, conscience, and truth may be drowned.—Kozlay.

by Stan Jennings

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Bread and Butter Facts DPA Funds Are Misused By Big Steel Corporations

By BERT SEIDMAN

At their request, the giant steel corporations have been assisted with new plant expansion to the tune of nearly a billion dollars in quick tax write-offs. Financial assistance to large steel firms was supposed to be used to expand their capacity to make steel for military purposes. But the steel companies have plans to use 65 per cent of their funds for expanding their facilities for making light steel products for use in autos, refrigerators, and other civilian items.

Here is how the steel companies pulled this fast deal. The Revenue Act of 1950 included a provision permitting firms which expanded their capacity for producing articles needed by the military to write off the new facilities for tax purposes in only 5 years instead of the customary period varying up to 25 years. The Defense Production Administration, which was given the responsibility of administering this program, issued so-called "certificates of necessity" for fast tax amortization amounting to more than \$15 billion. Of this total, more than \$1 1/2 billion went to steel firms.

RULES IGNORED

To make sure that the fast tax write-off privilege would be extended only for expansion of capacity required for the defense emergency DPA officials were instructed to consider certain relevant factors. These included the type of facility, the amount of expansion required for the defense

emergency, the probable usefulness of the plant for other than defense purposes after the emergency, and the degree of financial aid necessary as an incentive to encourage the expansion.

The justification for granting these special tax privileges was that plants built exclusively for war purposes might not have any use after 5 years and therefore shouldn't be taxed after that time. Even those who advocated these special incentives admitted that there was no reason why plant expansion for civilian purposes should be treated the same way—1, because it did not assist the defense effort, and 2, because it would continue to be used for a much longer period than 5 years.

But the rules were apparently ignored for the benefit of the steel industry. The steel firms are planning to use 65 per cent of the assistance they have received in tax write-offs for new plant and equipment that can be used exclusively for civilian purposes.

The increases in plant capacity for civilian purposes will be \$825 million. Only about \$440 million is being used to expand capacity to produce the kind of steel needed in power plants, petroleum refineries, ships, weapons, and other facilities essential for military purposes.

MANNED BY STEEL MEN

It was the Iron and Steel Division of the National Production Authority that recommended to the DPA that the fast write-offs be given to the steel firms. Most of this division was manned by former officials of the steel industry. Top officials of the NPA Iron and Steel Division included M. B. McCafferty of the Wheeling Steel Corp., John E. Timberlake of Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., and William L. Cressman of Armco Steel Co.

They certainly should have known that the financial aid was being used for nondefense purposes. Apparently, they deliberately failed to set targets for expansion for specific types of steel capacity and thereby gave the steel firms the go-ahead to use the funds to increase their facilities for producing civilian items.

This is the story as reported by the Wall Street Journal, a publication which can hardly be accused of being hostile to big business.

MORE SPENDING
BY CONSUMERS

Most city families expect to make more money this year than in 1952, and are ready to make major outlays for homes, automobiles, furniture and electrical appliances.

A Federal Reserve Board report, based on a study by the University of Michigan Survey Research Center, said consumers believe prices will either remain stable or decrease during 1953. Similar surveys made in 1951 and 1952 indicated that from one-half to two-thirds of consumers questioned expected prices to rise in those years.

According to the report, more consumers plan to buy new cars this year than in '51 or '52, with a substantially large number expecting to purchase major household goods, especially television sets and furniture. A few more are planning to buy used or new houses.

Every time you buy non-union goods or services you lower American labor standards.

White Collar Slaves—Are They Finally Getting Wise?

(AFL Release)

Chicago.—"This is the age of the white-collar workers." That's what James A. Suffridge, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Retail Clerks International Association, told the union's 3rd annual education and organizing conference. He pointed out that these workers are "ripe" for unionism.

"Ten years ago there were less than 11 million of them; today there are more than 15 million," he said. "They make up slightly more than 28 per cent of employed workers in the United States. FLOCK TO UNIONS

"These people are intelligent. By nature and training they are businesslike. They have awakened to the inequities of their wage-hour status. Moreover, they are consumed by an unquenchable passion to improve their lot. Add these ingredients together and you an irresistible force that is bringing them into the ranks of organized labor which is opening up whole vistas of economic and social freedom.

"Thus no longer are they content to go through the prime of life waiting for a promised promotion. They demand to live—on a self-respecting 'saving' wage—while they wait. Most employers sense this change in affairs. The fair-minded, progressive ones are willing to bargain collectively with their employees through a responsible labor union like the RCIA."

MOVING TO D.C.

Although the union has advanced from 25th place in size among AFL affiliates in 1944 to 8th, Suffridge told the 500 delegates from locals throughout the country that even larger membership gains are expected this year.

Opening of a union office in Washington, D.C., was announced, together with plans for moving RCIA headquarters from Lafayette, Ind., to Washington by 1956.



3-D BEAUTY.—Vera Miles will appear in a new three-dimensional movie which, according to the ads, "puts a sweetheart right in your lap." Quite a lapful. (LPA)

139,742 Workers Voted For Unions In Last '52 Quarter

Washington (LPA)—In the last three months of 1952, 77 per cent of the workers voting in collective bargaining elections cast their ballots in favor of unions, winning 70 per cent of such elections, the National Labor Relations Board reported April 2.

The board conducted 1,607 such elections in the quarter, and 1,112 of them resulted in union representation. Of 208,689 workers eligible to vote, 180,540 did so, with 139,742 of them favoring unions. The AFL won 683 and lost 409 of the 1,105 elections in which it took part, with 13 results indeterminate. The CIO won 289 and lost 279 out of 576, with eight indeterminate. Unaffiliated unions won 125 and lost 92 out of 220, with three indeterminate.

There were 40 decertification elections, with 25 resulting in decertification, ten won by AFL unions, four by CIO unions, and one by an unaffiliated union. Of the 3,557 workers eligible to vote in these elections, 3,243 did so, and 1,756 or 54 per cent voted in favor of the unions involved.

There were 1,210 charges of unfair labor practices, 990 against employers and 220 against unions. The NLRB general counsel issued 140 formal complaints, 112 against employers, 14 against unions, and 14 against both.

There was one score of 100 per cent: 11 petitions for court injunctions, all of them against unions, all of them sought under the mandatory provision of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Chicago Landlords Already Serving Eviction Notices

Washington (LPA)—Some Chicago tenants already are getting April 30 eviction notices, Rep. Barratt O'Hara (D., Ill.), reported to the House March 30. He said these landlords feel sure Congress will not extend rent controls beyond April 30.

Rep. Jesse Wolcott (R., Mich.), chairman of the House Banking Committee, predicted Congress may let federal controls for "non-critical" areas die April 30, but hinted there might be an extension of 30 to 60 days.

The House committee does not expect to begin drafting a bill until after the 10-day Easter recess, and the Senate Banking Committee will not begin drafting a bill until the week of April 6.

(In Albany, N.Y., Gov. Dewey signed a rent control bill permitting rent increases 15 per cent above 1943 levels).

Do You Know Them?

Cancer's Seven Danger Signals

The buddy system is the Army's affirmative answer to that age-old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

How about our own answer?

April, when the cancer crusade is under way, is a good time to think about that question. If ever a brother needs our help, it is when cancer strikes.

For many years the American Cancer Society has been teaching the public cancer's seven danger signals and persuading men and women to have regular physical examinations.

How many of the danger signals can you name? One would be about average and two would make you unusual.

How about a physical examination? Have you had one lately? Periodic check-ups are more admired and less practiced, more honored as idea and less tarnished with use, than almost any sensible rule you can name.

Would it be possible to put the buddy system to work in the family? To memorize the cancer danger signals, not for our own protection, but to be sure we know when mother or father or brother ought to have medical help? Why

not make certain that everyone else in the family has a physical examination this year?

The buddy system in cancer control would save many we love.

Beyond the family: Let's make a generous contribution to our unit of the American Cancer Society. Perhaps the threat of cancer can make us all act like brothers.

Now, for those who couldn't remember cancer's seven danger signals, here they are:

1. Any sore that does not heal.

2. A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere.

3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.

4. Any change in a wart or mole.

5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.

6. Persistent hoarseness or cough.

7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

They don't always mean cancer, but if one of them develops, go at once to your doctor.

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—John H. Sweeney has been appointed as international representative of the Teamsters and assigned by Pres. Dave Beck to Oregon. He was formerly AFL organizer in the Pacific states for 14 years.

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By CLEM BODDINGTON

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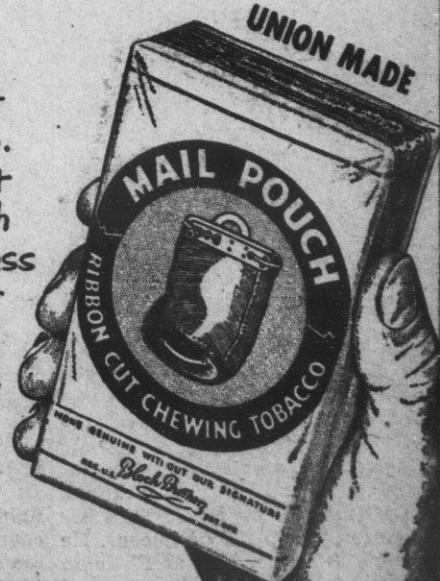


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OPEN BATTLE ON FORCED BARGAINING

(AFL Release)

AFL President George Meany alerted all state and city organizations to fight legislative proposals for compulsory arbitration of labor-management disputes. Meany strongly opposed compulsory arbitration as a solution for even "national emergency" strikes, declaring it is unworkable, unconstitutional and dangerous to the maintenance of a free economy.

The need, Meany emphasized, is for voluntary arbitration, a method he described as "time-tested, practical and constructive."

In his letter to officers of state federations and central labor bodies, Meany said:

"Proposals again are being advanced in Congress and some of the state legislatures for the institution of compulsory arbitration as an official method of enforcing labor-management peace."

FIRMLY AGAINST IT

"Historically, the American Federation of Labor has always opposed compulsory arbitration. We are just as firmly against it today."

"Let me explain, briefly, why we consider compulsory arbitration unworkable, unconstitutional and dangerous to the maintenance of a free economy.

"In the first place, the whole structure of our trade union movement rests upon the foundation of free collective bargaining. Compulsory arbitration automatically kills free collective bargaining."

"Secondly, compulsory arbitration by a government agency is bound to lead to wage-fixing and price-fixing by the government. That would spell death to a free economy."

"Finally, even if compulsory arbitration were invoked by the government only in disputes threatening a national emergency, what guarantee is there that it will work? Who is going to crack the whip if either the employer or the workers refuse to accept the decision? How, under the U.S. Constitution, can you force employers to stay in business or workers to stay on the job under conditions they consider intolerable?"

EMPHASIZES VOLUNTARY

"Let me emphasize that the American Federation of Labor believes in arbitration — voluntary arbitration. Many of our affiliated unions have agreements with management under which both sides pledge themselves in advance to submit irreconcilable disputes to an impartial umpire for decision. And the agreement binds both parties to abide by the arbitrator's decision."

"It is my firm conviction that this procedure is an effective remedy for labor-management strife in industries which directly affect public safety and the national welfare. Instead of seeking to force compulsory arbitration upon labor and management through legislation, those who have a real interest in industrial peace should endeavor to have both labor and management accept the time-tested, practical and constructive machinery of voluntary arbitration when collective bargaining breaks down."

"These facts should be brought to the attention of members of the legislature in your state, as we will do here in Washington so far as Congress is concerned."

Local 3 IBEW Vet Flying Scoutmaster For Boy Scout Troop

Flushing, N.Y. (LPA) — Ernest "Red" Hamesfahr works at night, operating an animated sign at 46th and Broadway. That's so he can have his days free for his life-time hobby — flying and teaching kids to fly.

Hamesfahr, a veteran member of Local 3, AFL Electrical Workers, is scoutmaster for Boy Scouts Air Squadron Troop 237 of Queens. He keeps a J-3 Piper Cub at Flushing Airport for his own pleasure and that of his Scouts. He does most of his troop teaching on week-ends and holidays. His two sons also hold flying licenses. (So does Arnold Beichman, editor of Local 3's paper, Electrical Union World.)

GOP HAS PLAN TO KILL RENT CONTROL OCT. 1

(AFL Release)

Congressional leaders, after a recent White House huddle with President Eisenhower, revealed a plan to kill federal rent controls, except in "critical defense areas," by Oct. 1.

To make the pill more palatable for public consumption, GOP leaders described their plan in sugar-coated terms. They said they will ask Congress to extend the provisions of the present rent control law for five months, from April 30 to Oct. 1. In the meanwhile, they added, the states would have an opportunity to take over the responsibility of keeping controls over rents.

The jokers in the program are: (1) Congress probably will not be in session during September to act on further continuation of the federal controls, and (2) few state legislatures have shown enough independence of private real estate interests to enact state controls.

Thus, people who rent homes in communities where housing shortages still exist will be in jeopardy of being victimized by profiteering landlords, if the plan of the Republican leaders in Congress goes through.

MARTIN ADMITS PLAN

Speaker of the House Joseph Martin (R., Mass.) said the plan is to end overall federal rent controls Oct. 1 but to continue rent ceilings in "critical" defense areas after that.

A definition of what constitutes a "critical area" still must be worked out, Martin declared.

Two types of federal rent controls would continue at least until Oct. 1, under the White House plan.

Limited controls, with the local communities empowered to end them whenever they wish, are in effect for 14 million Americans in a dozen big cities and 1,100 communities.

Stronger federal rent curbs, applying to both old and new housing, are in effect in 131 areas in 40 states where defense activities have created "critical area" housing conditions. Some 11.6 million persons rent housing in 1,000 communities in these areas.

AFL WANTS EXTENSION

Meanwhile, the AFL again emphasized its support of extension of federal controls for 14 months until June 30, 1954. AFL Pres. George Meany wrote Senate Banking Committee Chairman Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) that "standby authorization for rent controls is not sufficient."

"We are convinced," Meany declared, "of the present need for active rent controls. Removal of rent controls would be inevitably followed by excessive rent increases in hundreds of communities throughout the country."

Fight Proposals for Compulsory Arbitration, Advises Pres. Meany

Washington (LPA) — AFL President George Meany has written to all state and city AFL bodies to fight any legislative proposals for compulsory arbitration of labor-management disputes. Such arbitration, Meany said, was no solution even for "national emergency strike." Al Hayes, president of the International Association of Machinists, has proposed such arbitration in testifying for amendments to the Taft-Hartley act.

Lorraine Day Officially Opens Gompers Clinic



Movie star Lorraine Day wields the scissors on the ribbon to open the Gompers Memorial Clinic for Crippled Children, built by voluntary contributions of one hour's pay a year for four years from trade union members, plus union donations and free building

trades labor. More than 400 crippled children are awaiting care. Only thing labor unions and their members get out of it is the name Gompers and a whole lot of fine public approval and recognition.

No Tax Cuts — That Is, Except On Excess Profits?

Washington (LPA) — The Treasury Department confirmed May 25 what labor had pointed out during the 1952 Presidential campaign — that the GOP promises of quick tax reductions were phony. Not only that, but the working people will be stuck.

Marion Folsom, who was borrowed from the Committee for Economic Development to become Undersecretary of the Treasury, told the House Ways and Means committee the Department opposed any tax cuts "until we know what the budget situation is." The reason he gave was that any tax cuts would decrease revenue.

Folsom was testifying against a proposal to cut excise taxes on economy brands of cigarettes from 8 cents a pack to under 6 cents. He said the cut would cost the government \$35 million a year in revenue.

Rep. Herman P. Eberhardt (D., Pa.) asked if Folsom felt that way about other proposals for tax cuts now, and Folsom said he did. Then Eberhardt and Rep. Hale Boggs (D., La.) pointed out that the excess profits tax expires June 30 and will mean a revenue loss of \$2 billion a year. Should that tax be continued?

That's a horse of another color to Folsom. He called it "a very bad tax," but said the Treasury was not taking any position "until we see what the budget situation is." How about the Reed bill, to cut personal income taxes 10 per cent effective July 1? Folsom said the Treasury cannot endorse the bill now.

Producers Sign

Hollywood — More than 60 producers of TV film commercials have signed contracts with the Screen Actors Guild and many of the largest national advertising agencies have signed letters of adherence to the contract in the five weeks since an agreement was negotiated. It ended a three-month strike.

Workmen's Rights In Industrial Injuries

It is very important that every workman employed in the State of California be aware that he has certain rights under state law, in case he is injured during course of his employment.

The major rights are:

1. Immediate medical care and continuing medical attention while the injured workman is still suffering from the results of an industrial injury. Such medical care

shall be given without cost to the injured worker.

2. Hospitalization, if necessary, without cost to the injured employee.

3. Compensation, not to exceed \$35 (under present state law), during the course of disability caused by an industrial accident or industrial disease.

4. In case of "partial permanent disability" the injured employee is entitled to a hearing in the Permanent Disability Rating Bureau for a rating. These ratings are usually based on a percentage of 100 per cent full ability to perform the work he performed prior to the injury. The Rating Bureau sets the number of weeks during which the insurance carrier must continue payment.

While the workman is receiving full compensation, such compensation is based upon his inability to perform any work because of the results of an industrial accident. Such compensation stops when he is proven to be able to work full time in his occupation or trade.

However, when such a partial permanent disability rating is ordered, the workman shall receive the weekly payments ordered and still work at his trade or other occupation.

5. Disability Pension: In case the Rating Bureau sets the permanent disability rating at 75 per cent or more, the injured workman is entitled to a pension for life, to be paid whether he works or not.

These major rights are listed to show that the weekly compensation (\$35 per week) is not the only benefit to which the injured employee is entitled under the law. Medical care, permanent partial disability, and disability pension provisions may be just as important as the original compensation from the long range point of view.

We are killing ourselves with excess, needless experiences. Cut down, weed out, but stay strong union!

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FRESNO CASES ARE HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT—

Major Victory in Legal Union-Busting Moves

A highly significant court victory has been won by organized labor against a new-strategy move by employer groups in which they seek to destroy labor unions through application of the state's Jurisdictional Strike Act and the Cartwright Act (anti-trust).

The victory was in two decisions of Judge Arthur C. Shepard in which he favored the Retail Clerks Union in cases brought against it by the Clinton Clothing Mfg. Co., one case each under the Jurisdictional Strike Act and the Cartwright Act.

In the second case, brought against the Local, the international

ment several months AFTER filing suit against the Retail Clerks. He further held that there was no evidence of intimidation by picketing or of refusal to deliver goods.

In the second case, brought against the Local, the international

union, and several employers, in an effort to show conspiracy for monopolistic purposes and asked \$110,000 damages plus \$500 per day. Judge Shepard tossed this complaint out also, saying there was no evidence of conspiracy, the CIO union agreement was long after suit was filed, there was no picket intimidation, and that evidence was wholly insufficient to justify a case, and judgment was ordered for the defendants.

He tossed them both out, saying there was insufficient evidence to justify a complaint for damages. Clarence E. Todd, veteran California labor attorney, assisted in the union's defense. He called the decisions "of the greatest importance to the labor movement in California."

In the Fresno situation, and noticed in other employer moves around the state of late, there apparently is a move to bust unions through application of the Jurisdictional Strike Act and the Cartwright Act, setting up phony unions for a jurisdictional dispute and charging union-friendly business firms with a monopoly.

"These cases are particularly important since they follow by such a short period of time the opinions of the Supreme Court of California in the Jurisdictional Strike Act cases," said Attorney Todd in commenting on the Fresno decisions. "The two attacks which are being made, and which we anticipate will continue to be made against local unions in California, are under the Jurisdictional Strike Act and also under the Cartwright Act."

"It is of the highest importance that we continue to attempt to distinguish these cases on the facts, so that we may continue to protect the right of labor unions to engage in peaceful and legitimate activity.

"It is significant that these cases were handled on behalf of the plaintiff employer by the most active anti-labor lawyer in California, who travelled all the way from Los Angeles to Fresno for the purpose of handling these cases (Carl Gould)."

In the first case, the Clinton firm sought to show that it had entered into an exclusive bargaining agreement with a CIO union for its employees and asked damages for picketing. Judge Shepard declared that the firm made such an agree-

Making Ends Meet Enjoy Reasonable Beef Prices - They Won't Last Forever

By BERT SEIDMAN

Current reasonable prices for beef are almost too good to be true—but the chances are that they won't last beyond this year. In recent weeks cattle prices have been lower than at any time since 1949. The low cattle prices plus the expected continued high rate of cattle slaughter mean that for the rest of 1953 beef and veal output should remain at high levels and beef prices are not expected to rise appreciably.

Unfortunately, the current slowing down in cattle expansion signals higher prices next year. Slaughter data indicate that the expansion in cattle is already tapering off and in sheep has halted.

While reasonable beef prices continue housewives will want to feature beef in their family menus. Even the least expensive cuts provide good body-building nutrients, including proteins, vitamin B-1, phosphorus, and iron.

To get the most out of the beef you buy, make sure that you store it properly. Fresh beef should be stored, loosely, covered in the coldest part of your refrigerator and should be used within a few days. Variety meats such as liver are especially perishable and should be used within two days. Ground beef should be held only one day unless frozen.

LARGE MILK SUPPLY

Milk production is up this year due to an increase in the number of milk cows and a very high level of production per cow. Despite the high milk output, dairy companies

in many cities raised their prices when price controls were lifted.

Cheese production is also up. January output was 28 percent over a year ago. The biggest increase for any dairy product is in dry milk production. January output was 72 percent higher than in 1952, and 57 percent over the average for the past 5 years.

LOTS OF RAISINS

Raisins are the most plentiful dried fruits this year, and there are good supplies in all markets.

Raisins make up about 57% of this year's pack of dried fruits. The total pack of dried fruits is up 29 percent from last year, but the increase is mainly due to the larger supply of raisins.

FOOD HINTS

Beets, carrots and parsnips may be kept at room temperature or in the refrigerator.

Use left-over meat with other foods in hot dishes such as stuffed peppers, chop suey, curry, browned hash and croquettes.

UNION LABELS IN SPRING OUTFITS

If you are planning to purchase new spring outfits for your family make sure that every article of clothing you buy bears the union label. The unions label is your guarantee of a high quality product made by union men and women under union working conditions.

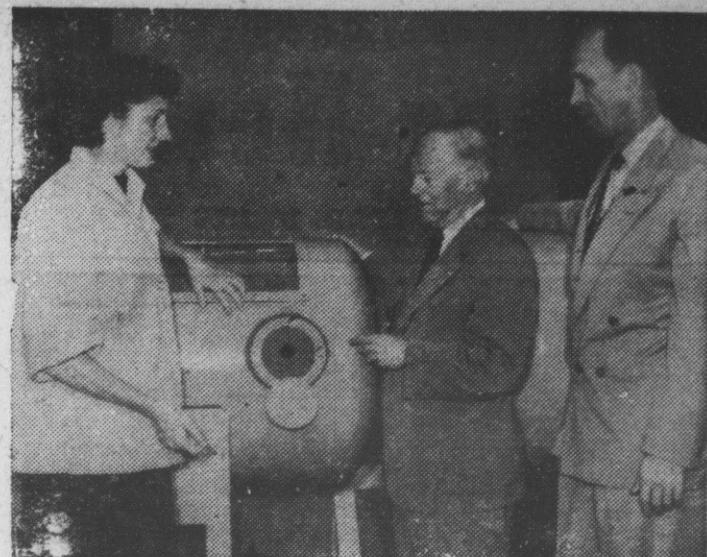
Texas Labor Unites In Battle Against 'Millionarie Amendment'

Austin, Texas. (LPA) — Herman Jones of Austin, former House member, spoke for the Texas AFL-CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods in testifying against the proposal before the legislature for the "millionaires' amendment."

He told the House Revenue and Taxation Committee that the proposal is "fantastically and tragically contrary to the best interests of freedom around the world." The proposal would limit federal income, estate and gift taxes to 25 per cent. About 1 per cent of the nation's taxpayers would benefit, for only single persons making \$8000 or more a year, and married taxpayers making \$20,000 or more a year would benefit.

Dave Hutchinson, UAW-CIO representative from Dallas, also testified against the bill.

Only witness for the bill was Rep. Doug Bergman, author of the resolution to back the amendment. He said the graduated income tax has "torn down the moral fibre" of the nation. Only foes of the amendment, said Bergman, seemed to be "members of labor unions directed by their bosses to oppose it."



LODGE JOINS POLIO BATTLE.—President John Snider of North Hollywood Lodge 727, Int'l. Assn. of Machinists, presents two iron lungs to Col. William A. Bell of Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Norwalk, Calif. Looking on is Lodge 727 member Marion B. Vanderpool, who has recovered from polio herself. The iron lungs were purchased through the lodge's Buck of the Month Club, to which members contribute \$2 a month for charitable contributions and emergency aid for members. (LPA)

What to Do About It

By I. B. PADWAY

Well folks, here I am back again in circulation, and the doctor says if I behave myself, as sound as a dollar. Incidentally, I want to thank all those who were kind enough to wish me well and remember me during my debility. Believe me it's nice to hear from your friends when you're down on your back.

Now let's get down on our old "What to do about it?"

After reading the newspapers, I am convinced that even a dose of British nobility cannot change an American's thinking and spirit of fair play. The "dyed-in-the-wool" conservative so much so to have represented her district in the Parliament of England, Lady Nancy Astor (incidentally American born) wished that the drink that Senator McCarthy was imbibing would be poison, rather than the "merry water" which usually flows at Washington parties. Yes, even at a Taft shindig.

Undoubtedly, she felt that a person of the caliber and ilk of Senator McCarthy would not be missed if taken from this world to haunt other parts, which are hot but could be made hotter by season of his spouting fire and brimstone.

It seems that every Congress has its McCarthys and Jenners, its Bibbos and Rankins. The McCarthy enigma is understandable. Having practiced law in the State of Wisconsin for a period of 20 years (I am still a member of the Bar of that State), it is not astounding to find a McCarthy elected to one of the high offices of the Land.

The average person says how can Wisconsin, which elected a La Follette for close to half a century, re-elect a McCarthy? How can Wisconsin, which was one of the first states in the Union to adopt many of the social legislative enactments (workmen's compensation, the little Norris-LaGuardia Act, etc.) elect McCarthy?

The answer to this is simple. For as the South hates the Negro, so does Wisconsin, which is primarily populated by people of German extraction hate the Russians, who helped conquer the Germans in World War II. The South is still fighting the Civil War, which it lost. Wisconsin is still fighting the communists and any person, regardless of the tactics used, who contributes to the whipping of the communists is a hero in the eyes of those persons who are still loyal to the "Vaterland and Deutschland Über Alles."

It was my privilege during my practice of law in Wisconsin to have known the very fine judge whom McCarthy beat on the strength of being a returned war hero at Appleton, Wisconsin. I do not know of his record as a soldier or a judge, but if it were on the same lines as his present character assassination of individuals for personal aggrandizement, the city that gave us Edna Ferber, that great writer, namely, Appleton, Wisconsin, certainly had very poor judicial representation.

So it's good to see a Lady Nancy Astor, who says, "Too bad it isn't

poison" in referring to a drink. I notice that former State Senator of Wisconsin, John Chapple, editor of the Ashland Wisconsin Daily Press, a "big" paper (must have at least a circulation of about 10,000) wants to get a warrant for Lady Astor, and she very naively says, "That's wonderful, I never realized I had hit the bull's eye." All I can say is: "Here, here, Lady Astor, you still haven't lost your ole Virgin breeding."

Now WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT? I think that if the American newspapers would quit giving so much ink to the blatant ass from Wisconsin, for as the good Book says: "An ass may bray a good while before he shakes the stars down." And if the Americans would quit taking the Senator from Wisconsin so seriously, he would die of his own weight.

Third Trophy Needed As Apprentices Win Contest Sixth Time

Chicago (LPA) — The AFL Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers and the Painting Contractors Association of America will have to find a new trophy—their third one. For the youngsters of Chicago Painters District Council have won the 1953 National Apprentice Decorative Panel Contest, sponsored jointly by the union and employer group.

It was the sixth victory for the apprentices trained at Washburne Trade School, and three wins mean permanent trophy possession. Competing exhibits at the contractors' convention here represented the efforts of apprentices from 28 vocational schools throughout the country.

Not to be outdone by the juniors, Chicago journeymen, competing in a special contest for full-fledged union members, also took top honors. Heading the "coaching" staff for the victorious apprentice team was Andrew M. Shireffs, apprentice coordinator for Painters District 14. Besides trophies, there were cash awards.

Cardinal Given Card

New York (LPA) — After becoming an honorary member of Local 40, AFL Structural Iron Workers March 30, Cardinal Spellman drove a commemorative rivet into the steel framework of a new 23-story building at Madison Ave. and 51st St. The building is on a site once occupied by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese, and is across the street from St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Your best investment in humanity—a strong union!

Survey of Labor Paper Readers Brings Up Interesting Results

Readers of the labor paper prefer local unions news, union columns, national labor news reports, and editorials—in that order—according to recent surveys conducted among delegates of central labor councils.

Nineteen of twenty persons questioned read news of labor happenings first in the labor paper. This same ratio reads the labor paper chiefly for the local union news.

The national news coverage is liked by 87 per cent of readers while the individual union columns and the feature columns attract 88 per cent of readers.

Two controversial items—jokes and "cheesecake"—were on the survey list. As for the jokes, 43 per cent of readers turn to this section and 77 per cent think the jokes all right, 6 per cent said the jokes were "raw," 14 per cent thought jokes unnecessary, and one person insisted the jokes were "too tame." Only 23 per cent answered that they liked the "cheesecake" pictures, although 76 per cent of readers want some pictures of news events or personalities.

Interestingly, 54 per cent read the advertising and 38 per cent thought the advertising well handled and in good taste.

The union directory, subject of controversy when used by charity drives for mail lists, was considered necessary by 78 per cent of readers, 14 per cent insisting that the directory should be published more frequently.

All of the readers of the editorials claimed to like them, comments ranging from "interesting" to "just right." No objections to the editorial page were recorded.

While all columns were liked by readers, those inserted by local union stopped the interest while the Frank Edwards report is preferred by better than three out of five readers.

The survey was conducted by Bill Pedigo, news editor for labor papers in the San Jose area, with full cooperation of council press committees. Purpose of the survey is to determine just what the readers like or dislike in a labor paper and how the labor paper can give better service to readers.

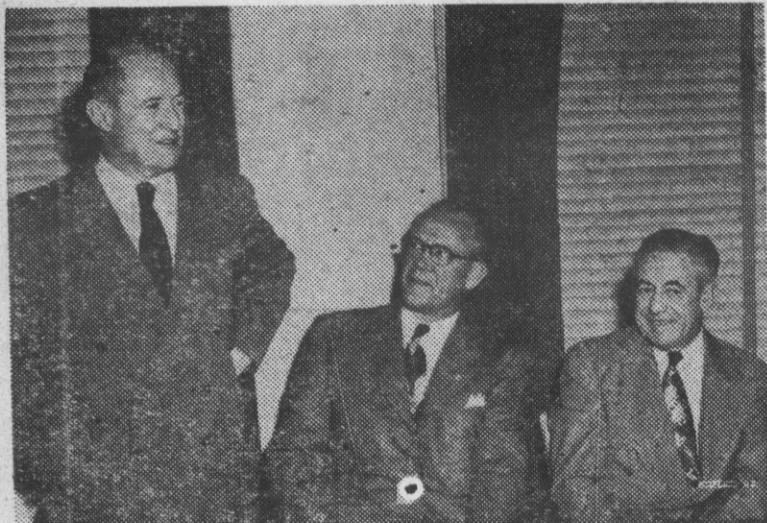
Some persons questioned wrote comments on their survey sheets, one of the typical comments being:

"The labor paper is okay as it is—why try to change it?"

Monterey County

Labor News

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1953



Rep. Samuel McConnell (D., Pa.), chairman of the House Labor and Education Committee, speaking at ELP editors' luncheon. J. Scott Milne, secretary-treasurer of the IBEW, is next to the speaker and on the right is Lloyd Mashburn, Under Secretary of Labor.

Ike Buys Off Doctors With A Cruel U.S. Medical Whip

Washington (LPA)—President Eisenhower has signed the bill which changes the Federal Security Administration into a Cabinet Department of Health, Education and Welfare. And now the American Medical Association has admitted, in its own Journal, that the doctor who will be a "special assistant" will really be the AMA censor in the Department. And not only on medicine, but on education and social security.

Labor so charged during debate on the reorganization plan. Proponents of the plan denied it. The AMA now substantiates labor's charge that the Eisenhower administration has paid off its campaign debt to the AMA, and that there was a deal.

The Journal of the AMA, in its March 28, 1953 issue, in a statement signed by Dr. Louis H. Bauer, AMA president, declared that a new position, that of a special assistant to the Secretary had been created.

This key job will control not only all medical phases of education and social security (thus serving as a censor over material the doctors don't want known by the public) but also will control appropriations, budgets, and policies!

Red Hot Love: AMA-GOP

(AFL Release)

The GOP-AMA deal is complete. With extraordinary haste, Plan No. 1 in President Eisenhower's program of government reorganization received approval of Congress and has been signed by the President.

Although the plan would have gone into effect within 60 days under normal routine procedure, the House shoved through a bill a few days after the proposal was made, and the Senate a week later also voted to create a new Cabinet post, heading a Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The new department will have control over the Social Security Administration, the Public Health Service, Office of Education, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Food and Drug Administration, and St.

Valley Baseball Season Begins

First games of the 1953 season of the Salinas Valley Baseball League were played last Sunday and the schedule will continue for the next 15 weeks, according to Jimmie Butler, secretary of Barbers Union 827 and league commissioner.

Teams in the league are Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad and San Ardo, Greenfield and King City. The games are Sunday afternoons in a "round robin" schedule. First half winner will play second half winner in a championship playoff.

This Sunday's schedule will be San Ardo at Gonzales, Salinas at King City and Greenfield at Soledad.



"A man we all know and love, Mr. Uh, Uh...."

Warn of Federal-State Plot Against Unions

(State Fed. Release)

Outlines of a national conspiracy to wreck organized labor became sharper last week as the American Federation of Labor charged that Big Money legislators are pushing efforts to get Congressional approval of state labor laws tougher than the Taft-Hartley Act.

Warning from Washington, D. C. headquarters of the AFL came as the California State Federation of Labor settled down for a grim siege against Tory power drives in Sacramento.

The AFL News-Reporter, official organ of the parent organization, revealed that bills are being pushed in Congress to overturn court decisions outlawing local curbs more restrictive than Taft-Hartley.

With reference to the AFL charge, the Wall Street Journal this month reported: "Business groups like the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers are behind the move. If the change is made, states could enforce tighter restraints on picketing and strikes—like Michigan's strike vote

law, or Wisconsin's compulsory arbitration act. (The Supreme Court threw out both, saying T-H 'pre-empted' the field.)"

Violent class legislation against trade unions has already been in-

troduced in Sacramento by Harold K. Levering (R., Beverly Hills). Levering's compulsory open shop bill has not yet been set for committee hearing.

On the Washington scene, a spokesman for the NAM recently urged the Senate Labor Committee to prohibit the union shop and to remove all employer obligations to bargain with unions for health and welfare plans.

Can We Trust the NLRB? It's Potentially Dangerous!

By ADAM RIGHTOR

In all the discussion of the NLRB, back and forth, its one inherent weakness is never discussed, yet, it is so plain to the naked eye that no one should be able to miss it in all its implications.

The National Labor Relations Board is erected upon a foundation of sand but thus far the winds and the storms have not made the foundation shift so that the NLRB structure would collapse.

The foundation is a presupposition that everyone connected with the NLRB is honest, above suspicion, not open to graft, and can be absolutely trusted not to take advantage of confidences which are often controlling in disputes whose total over the years has amounted to billions of dollars.

In short, the NLRB, in order to be respected and effective, must be a Utopia whose officials are angels of light.

The argument which, so persistently, has been used against Socialism—that it would be a fine thing if everyone who would take office under it could be trusted, that there would be no crooks or grafters—is the sort of argument never used against the officialdom of the NLRB.

Some years ago, I asked a former NLRB regional director if he thought all the employees under him were honest.

He replied, "I know they are."

I countered, "Don't you mean you think they are?"

"No," he shot back, "I mean what I said, I know they are all honest."

This attitude, I then thought, was excessively arbitrary, but with the passage of time I came to realize that it is the very keystone of the arch upon which the whole NLRB administration rests.

It is simply because working people are asked to put their faith in finite and sinful human beings as though they were infinite and incapable of wrongdoing that, sooner or later, the NLRB will collapse like a house of cards, and the workers and industry will suffer.

It is not in the cards for men and women to be so good. We may believe that the tax collectors are honest, but exposures of the crookedness in regional offices cause us to change our minds.

We must be patriotic and support our Army in war, but there are those who sold sleeping bags lined with feathers to be used by soldiers against the severe Korean cold, who substituted some cheap and bogus material for half the feathers, which could not have been done if the Army agents who purchased the equipment were honest and competent.

'Twas ever thus. In the Spanish war, beef was soaked with embalming fluid used by undertakers, and was fed soldiers in the tropics and semi-tropics. This could not have been done were the Army officers honest and alert.

Evidences of corruption are already appearing in the GOP and it has hardly gotten its feet wet in office. We can turn back to the scandals of Teapot Dome to prove this corruption is not of recent origin.

There have been so many exposures of graft, dishonesty and theft in the Democratic Party that we can reason it is some-

thing which will creep into any department or bureau where the stakes are high.

The NLRB has been denounced by employers for being partial to unions, by unions for being partial to employers, by AFL unions for being partial to the CIO, by CIO unions for being partial to the AFL. In other words, it has been denounced as having within it officials and employees not to be trusted, yet it continues to function as though everyone on the payroll were Utopians of the first water.

It is my opinion that there are some very honest people working for the NLRB, and I believe there are many dishonest self-seekers alongside them.

This, I think, is the real weakness of the NLRB. It is administered by human beings with all the weaknesses that are human. It is effective insofar as it is administered honestly. It is a drag on honest employers and employees in industry who do not need it, and are oppressed by its administration. So far it is lucky. There is bound to be a change. It will be for the worse.

Rich Farmers Fight Conciliation Serv.

(State Fed. Release)

Corporation-financed "farmer" lobbies opened the way for destruction of the California Conciliation Service last week by winning Senate passage of SB 1619, the Associated Farmers' bill to remove agricultural labor disputes from present jurisdiction of the state mediation body.

After a series of conflicting parliamentary moves in the upper house, the Senate passed the controversial measure by a 22-7 vote. The bill was vigorously opposed by the California State Federation of Labor.

Voting with labor were Senators Randolph Collier (R., Del Norte, Siskiyou), James E. Cunningham (R., San Bernardino), Harold T. Johnson (D., Sierra, Placer, Nevada), James J. McBride (D., Ventura), George Miller Jr. (D., Contra Costa), Robert I. Montgomery (D., Kings), and Edwin J. Regan (D., Trinity, Shasta).

Meanwhile, the Assembly beat down an AFL attempt to repeal the current law permitting employment of minors between the ages of 16 and 18 in agricultural or domestic service for more than eight hours in any day and more than 48 hours in any week.

Despite the notorious occupational injury rates on California farms, the lower house voted 36-34 against the State Federation bill to limit hours of labor for minors. The AFL measure, AB 906, was sponsored by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D., San Pedro).

Protect your eyes! The compensation award for loss of eyesight is pitifully small.

Attend! Take part!